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Gary D. HODGEN Serial No.: 09/313,628

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Examiner: R Trav For: CONTROL OF SELECTIVE ESTROGEN RECEPTOR MODULATORS

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

> PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Asst. Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by THREE (3) months. Enclosed is our check No. 003560 which includes the amount of \$445.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

Response within first month not small entity (\$110) small entity (\$55)
Response within second month not small entity (\$390) small entity (\$195)
X Response within third month not small entity (\$890)X small entity (\$445

You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 any additional amounts owing.

If this petition is inadequate to avoid abandonment, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700. 03/05/2001 GTEFFERA 00000054 09313628

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 28, 2001:

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